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AMBASSADOR MEETS WITH GENERAL VIOLA

1. GENERAL VIOLA CALLED YESTERDAY AFTERNOON AND ASKED ME TO MEET WITH HIM AT HIS OFFICE ON MONDAY (MAY 15) AT 17:45. THE FORMAT HAS ALWAYS BEEN TO MEET ALONE AND WE DID.

2. VIOLA INFORMED ME HE MET WITH PRESIDENT VIDELA AND HAD FULLY DISCUSSED THE PROPOSITION OF A MISSION, COMING TO BUENOS AIRES. VIOLA DESCRIBED VIDELA'S ENTHUSIASM ABOUT HIS ENDORSEMENT OF SUCH A TEAM'S TREMENDOUS POTENTIAL IN RESOLVING A THORNY AND SERIOUS PROBLEM AFFECTING TWO FRIENDLY COUNTRIES.

3. FURTHERMORE, VIOLA SAID THE PRESIDENT FELT THE MISSION SHOULD ARRIVE ASAP. VIOLA SUGGESTED MEETINGS SHOULD START ON MONDAY, MAY 22 AND FINISH ON TUESDAY, IF NECESSARY. VIOLA FELT TEAM COULD DEPART WASHINGTON ON SATURDAY NIGHT AND REST ALL DAY SUNDAY AND THUS BE SHARP AS A TACK ON MONDAY MORNING.

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4. BOTH PRESIDENT VIDELA AND VIOLA WANT ASAP THE NAMES OF MEMBERS OF US TEAM. ALSO, VIOLA EXPRESSED THAT GOA WAS AT A DISADVANTAGE INASMUCH AS GOALS AND OBJECTIVES WERE CLEAR TO US TEAM BUT FELT THAT DUE TO LACK OF DETAILS GOA WAS NOT SURE WHAT WAS EXPECTED OF THEM. I PROMISED THEM THAT FURTHER DATA WOULD BE FURNISHED THEM ON MY

RECEIPT OF SAME FROM DEPARTMENT. VIOLA WAS CONCERNED ABOUT
FORMAT OF MEETINGS.

5. TIME IS OF ESSENCE, SO PLEASE SEND ALL PERTINENT DATA
SO I MAY CONVEY IT TO VIOLA. PLEASE CONFIRM ETA.
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